

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A perfumed detergent tablet, the tablet comprising a clay mineral compound and a heavy metal ion sequestrant.
2. A perfumed detergent tablet according to Claim 1, wherein said tablet further comprises a coating.
3. A tablet according to either one of Claim 1 or 2, wherein the clay mineral compound is present in the coating in particles having a size below 75 μ m diameter.
4. A tablet according to any one of Claims 1-3, wherein the tablet is a softening tablet.
5. A tablet according to any one of Claim 2-4, wherein the coating comprises the heavy metal ion sequestrant, and more preferably a heavy metal ion sequestrant selected from organic phosphonates, preferably selected from alkali metal ethane 1-hydroxy diphosphonates, diethylene triamine penta (methylene phosphonate), and mixtures thereof.
6. A tablet according to any one of Claims 1-5, wherein the perfume composition is essentially free of schiff bases.
7. A tablet according to any one of Claims 1-6, wherein the perfume composition is free of perfume ingredients selected from Methyl Anthranilate and HydroxyCitronellal; Methyl Anthranilate and Methyl Nonyl Acetaldehyde; Methyl Anthranilate and PT Bucinal; Methyl anthranilate and Lyrall; Methyl Anthranilate and Ligustral; and mixtures thereof.

8. A tablet according to any one of Claims 2-7, wherein the coating further comprises an acid having a melting temperature of at least 40°C, preferably of at least 145°C.
9. A tablet according to claim 8, wherein the acid having a melting temperature of at least 40°C has a crystallised structure.
10. A tablet according to Claim 9, wherein the acid forming the crystallised structure is a dicarboxylic acid, preferably adipic acid.
11. A tablet according to any one of Claims 2-10, wherein the coating consists essentially of adipic acid.
12. A tablet according to any one of Claims 2-11, wherein the coating further comprises a component which is liquid at 25°C.
13. A tablet according to any one of Claims 2-12, wherein the coating further comprises reinforcing fibres.
14. A tablet according to any one of Claims 1-13, wherein the detergent composition further comprises a flocculating agent.
15. A process for making a tablet according to any one of Claims 2-14 comprising the steps of :
- (a) forming a core by compressing a particulate material, the particulate material comprising surfactant and detergent builder;
 - (b) applying a coating material to the core, the coating material being in the form of a melt;
 - (c) allowing the molten coating material to solidify;
- characterised in that the coating comprises a clay.

16. A process for making a tablet according to any of claims 2 to 14 comprising the steps of :

(a) forming a core by compressing a particulate material, the particulate material comprising surfactant and detergent builder;

(b) applying a coating material to the core, the coating material being dissolved in a solvent or water;

(c) allowing the solvent or water to evaporate;

characterised in that the coating comprises a clay.

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